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New gate procedures in effect

New gate procedures are now in effect Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 9 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston. To expedite incoming traffic, security personnel will conduct a visual inspection of all ID cards. Security personnel will no longer touch or hold ID cards during peak hours. Vehicle occupants are encouraged to hold up the ID cards so officers can see the cards.

AMEDD Museum closure

The U.S. Army Medical Department Museum will close Saturday in observance of Columbus Day. The museum will re-open Tuesday. The museum’s regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Tom McMasters at 221-6358.

Fort Sam Houston Museum closure

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will be closed Sunday in observance of Columbus Day. Regular hours will resume Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ID Card Section closure

The ID Card Sections located in Building 367, Welcome Center, and Building 1290, Student Personnel Center, will close Friday. The sections will re-open for service Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

Fire Department Open House

The Fort Sam Houston Fire Department will host an all-day open house Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include food and drinks, a dunking booth, fire safety videos, games and exhibits, with special appearances by Sparky, the fire dog, and McGruff, the crime-fighting dog. For more information, call 221-5452.

CFC kickoff

The annual Combined Federal Campaign will kick off Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 on Stanley Road. The public is invited.

‘Buddy Walk’ at Fort Sam Houston

To celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month, the National Down Syndrome Society will sponsor a “Buddy Walk” Saturday at the BG Johnson track on Stanley Road at Fort Sam Houston. Walk-day registration starts at 7 a.m. with entertainment and exhibitors. Opening ceremonies start at 8:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m. Vehicles may enter through the Walters Street gate off of Interstate Highway 35 or through the Harry Wurzbach gate. All vehicles must have a current registration, inspection and insurance, and passengers must have a photo ID. To register, visit www.dsasa.org. For more information, call 349-4372.

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Photo by Elaine Wilson

Lt. Col. Barbara Holcomb and Sgt. Maj. Garland Haynes furl and case the Special Troops Battalion color Friday during the battalion deactivation ceremony at the main post flagpole.

Special Troops Battalion deactivates

By Elaine Wilson
[Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office](#)

The Special Troops Battalion deactivated Friday after more than 60 years of service and support to the post and local community.

“We’re casing (the STB color) up for a while, but I suspect it will be back,” said Col. Wendy Martinson, U.S. Army Garrison commander, during the deactivation ceremony at the main post flagpole.

Martinson’s hunch is based on historical fact. STB has activated and deactivated numerous times throughout its history. Its most recent activation was June 12, 2002.

The deactivation was due to “Army restructuring and the military-civilian conversion program,” said Lt. Col. Barbara Holcomb, former STB commander.

The battalion comprised a headquarters company with about 80 officers, NCOs, Soldiers and civilians, and 70 Soldiers assigned to Fort Sam Houston for compassionate reasons. Battalion members provided support to various units at Fort Sam Houston and surrounding military installations to include military honors at funerals, legal services, chaplain assistance, and administrative and logistical support.

The level of support provided has been impressive, Martinson said.

“In the past 15 months, the battalion has completed 270

taskings,” Martinson said.

Battalion members were at just about every ceremony in San Antonio, she said, from Christmas along the Corridor to the All-America Bowl to the Veterans Day ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. They were also in every Fiesta event and never missed an on-post retirement ceremony, change of command or change of responsibility.

And, in the past 15 months, the battalion provided military honors at 2,300 funerals at Fort Sam Houston and local cemeteries, Martinson said. “These are phenomenal accomplishments for just 130 Soldiers,” she said.

While the battalion deactivated, the support will continue. The Headquarters Company element of the battalion will remain and be designated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

Holcomb will assume the role of chief of the Base Transition Office, helping to ease the post through the upcoming Base Realignment and Closure changes.

Martinson said she is grateful Holcomb will continue to serve at Fort Sam Houston. “Barb was a spectacular member of the command team involved in every aspect of the Soldiers’ duties and activities,” Martinson said.

Martinson also spoke highly of Sgt. Maj. Garland Haynes, who was at Holcomb’s right hand and “there every step of the way.” Haynes will retire after 30 years of service.

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Photo by Elaine Wilson

From the commander

The lawn mowers are back and the grass is getting cut. As we take care of the large landscaped areas on the installation with mowers, you will also notice weed trimming and other detailed grounds maintenance during the next four weeks. I appreciate the understanding of the post community while we deferred grounds maintenance over the summer months as part of our efforts to manage our expenses within budget resources. The current grounds maintenance is a result of a year-end, one-time clean-up. The good news is that the fiscal 2007 command budget includes sufficient funds to continue the contract, and the appearance of Fort Sam Houston will continue to represent the Army’s worldwide and hemispheric operational, health care and training missions located here.

Col. Wendy Martinson
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison

Commander stresses safety for Columbus Day holiday

By Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw
Commander, Fort Sam Houston and AMEDDC&S

Columbus Day commemorates Christopher Columbus first landing in the new world in 1492, and the genesis of a brave new nation. It also marks the beginning of a new fiscal year and a chance for us to enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

Holiday weekends also intensify the potential for accidents, especially for drivers and other off-duty recreational activities. Late night weekend travel is one of the greatest threats to all of us, particularly when alcohol is involved. Every year, senseless injuries occur as the result of speeding, unsafe vehi-

cles and overindulgence in alcohol. Commanders, directors and supervisors must be engaged as we all play a critical role in preventing any unnecessary loss of the Army’s most valuable asset—our Soldiers, civilians and family members. During your holiday safety briefings, place particular emphasis on adherence to speed limits, defensive driving, the dangers and consequences of drunk driving, sufficient rest prior to and during long trips, wearing of seat belts, and the proper use of child restraints. Ensure all Soldiers traveling on leave complete the Army Safety Management Information System 2 privately owned vehicle assessment. The data from the Combat

Readiness Center shows that Soldiers are less likely to have a fatal accident when completing this assessment. I charge each of you to prepare your subordinates and your families for the Columbus Day weekend. Demonstrate good risk-management practices both on and off duty. The following Web sites are a great source for safe driving tips, <https://crc.armv.mil/home> and <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>. Remember, leaders must emphasize sexual assault risks, prevention and response in their holiday safety briefings; guidance is available at www.sexualassault.army.mil. Again, I thank you for what you do every day. Be safe!



Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw

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Marines awarded Bronze Star for heroic acts

By Esther Garcia
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It is never too late to recognize heroes. Lance Cpl. Justin S. Henderson and Cpl. Robert Z. Childress were presented with the Bronze Star medal for their heroic actions against an enemy attack during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lt. Col. Doug Gardner, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, presented the medals Sept. 23 at the Brooke Army Medical Center auditorium.

On May 7, 2005, Henderson and Childress' mobile assault platoon moved through Hadithah, Iraq, to support Marines heavily under attack by the enemy. As they moved to support, the platoon was ambushed by a suicide vehicle filled with explosives. The enemy also attacked with small arms, rocket grenades and automatic weapons.

The attack instantly disabled three of the four platoon vehicles and killed or wounded 11 of the 16 Marines. Despite heavy fire, Henderson moved forward to recover fallen Marines. Without regard for his own safety, and while under enemy fire, he applied a tourniquet to a platoon's corpsman's arm and transported him to the casualty collection point. During the entire enemy attack, Henderson braved enemy fire, exploded munitions and burning vehicles to recover casualties and destroy or recover sensitive equipment.

During the same attack and despite being severely wounded and under heavy attack, Childress moved forward and recovered fallen Marines. He rendered first aid to an injured Marine and moved him to the casualty collection point. Finding another Marine, he carried him through heavy enemy fire to the collection point. As the Marines were loaded for evacuation, he

provided cover fire until he realized that sensitive equipment remained within the burning vehicles.

Without regard for his own safety, Childress repeatedly crossed the "kill zone" area, destroying communication equipment. When Childress was told that the last machine gun was in one of the destroyed vehicles, he ran across the fire-swept street, jumped on top of the vehicle and recovered the machine gun. He was evacuated at the last possible instant, declining medical aid until all the other Marines were treated.

Henderson and Childress were both assigned as radio operators with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine, Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

"The awarding of the Bronze Star to two corporals who happen to be basic radio operators speaks loudly of the quality of young men who are entering today's Marine Corps," said Master Sgt. Edward Cruz, a co-worker of Henderson and Childress.

The ceremony also included a memorial service for the families of local Marines who did not return from supporting operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"The memorial recognizing the ultimate sacrifices several of our Marines made in Iraq during the ongoing war on terrorism was both enlightening and somber," Cruz said.

With donations from the local community, a framed picture of the fallen Marines will be hung at the Memorial Wall located at the Navy/Marine Reserve Center building, said Lt. Col. Mark House, inspector and instructor, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion.

"It is a great thing to be able to recognize those that do return, and at the same time recognize those who were not able to return," said House.



Photo by Sgt. Ruby Quiroga

Lance Cpl. Justin Henderson (left) and Cpl. Robert Childress received the Bronze Star medal for their heroism while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lt. Col. Doug Gardner, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, made the presentation Sept. 23 in the Brooke Army Medical Center auditorium.



Photo by Lupe Hernandez

Hero

Staff Sgt. Matthew Mattern was presented a Purple Heart medal at the Audie Murphy Veterans Administration hospital Sept. 27 by his commander, Lt. Col. Joseph K. Layton, 3rd Signal Brigade, 57th Signal Battalion Hospital. Mattern, who is an inpatient at the VA hospital, previously had been recuperating at Brooke Army Medical Center from injuries received Aug. 24 in Iraq when the Humvee he was driving was hit by an improvised explosive device.

Personnel recovery training to begin for Soldiers

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Warrior Ethos, "I will never leave a fallen comrade," makes clear the Army's commitment to recover Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and its contractors should they be lost, isolated, missing, detained or captured while in an operational environment.

Beginning in November, the Army's Personnel Recovery Branch will kick off formal personnel recovery training to all units slated for deployment. The goal is to train all Soldiers in personnel recovery tactics, techniques and procedures within the next 24 to 48 months, according to Col. Timothy Waters, chief, Personnel Recovery Branch.

"The chief of staff of the Army and the director of the Army staff find personnel recovery training to be a vital requirement for every operations plan," said Waters. "Even though we can train all Soldiers initially, training will have to be maintained.

"Personnel recovery training will be included in all Soldier readiness programs, in unit training, drill schedules for the Reserve and National Guard, and in monthly training schedules for the active component so it becomes second nature," he said.

Personnel recovery training will eventually be taught at basic and advanced individual training, as well as officer basic and advanced training.

In the past, personnel recovery was relegated to a specific force, but publication of Field Manual 3-50.1, "Army Personnel Recovery," makes it official doctrine that applies to all Soldiers. This is a significant change, Waters said, because now a procedural system will be in place that is understood from individual to command levels.

Waters said the first 15 of 60 Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are in the final stages of their formal training as instructors in personnel recovery tactics, techniques and procedures. Following completion, they will be deployed to force deployment platforms and continental U.S. replacement centers to train Soldiers preparing to deploy, and in-theater to train Soldiers already deployed.

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Disability employment workshop

A Disability Employment Awareness Month Workshop will be held Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The speaker will be Mikail Davenport, who rode 350 miles in seven days on his hand cycle to raise awareness of the capabilities of people with disabilities. The workshop also includes classes on health and fitness and disease prevention. Registration is required by Oct. 20. To request reasonable

accommodation for a disability, call Glennis Ribblett at 221-9401 or e-mail Glennis.Ribblett@us.army.mil. For more information or to register, call Cecilia Johnson at 916-2352 or e-mail Cecilia.johnson@amedd.army.mil.

Online deployment information

The Army Medical Department Center and School has launched a new resource designed to give Soldiers instant access to helpful deployment information. The AMEDDC&S Deployment Portal includes

information and links to various deployment-related topics to include level of care, medical functional area, lessons learned, publications and doctrine and the United Combatant Command and Army Service Component Command. For more information, visit the portal at <https://www.cs.amedd.army.mil>.

Patient appointment hold times

The San Antonio Appointment Line for primary and specialty care is currently experiencing higher than normal wait

times due to an increased demand for appointments and a decrease in staffing resulting from contractual changes. The increase in hold times should be resolved by mid-October. In the meantime, to reduce hold time, the best time to call for a specialty appointment is Tuesday afternoons or any time Wednesday through Friday. Callers for routine appointments should avoid calling between the peak hours, which are 6:30 to 9 a.m., and lunchtime Mondays through Fridays. For appointments, call 916-9900.

Museum pavilion dedicated to ‘father of aviation medicine’

Story and photos by Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

In a dedication of the new \$677,000 Spurgeon Neel Evacuation Pavilion Friday, about 200 people remembered the “father of aviation medicine,” Maj. Gen. Spurgeon Neel.

In welcoming remarks at the Army Medical Department Museum, retired Brig. Gen. Charles V.L. Elia welcomed Alice Neel, widow of the major general, their daughter, Dr. Leah Neel Zartarian, and other distinguished guests and visitors.

“It is indeed a pleasure for me to be here, to honor a great friend of mine. We served on active duty together for five years and for over 20 years worked together on this magnificent museum. His legacy remains evident today in Operation



A H-13D helicopter from the Korean War era and a UH-1 “Huey” helicopter, which gained fame in Vietnam are housed in the new pavilion. The museum is located on the corner of Harry Wurzbach Highway and Stanley Road on Fort Sam Houston.

Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom,” said Elia.

“It is a great day for the Army Medical Department,” said retired Lt. Gen. Quinn Becker, chairman of the board, AMEDD Museum Foundation, Inc.

“We are not only here to present this new exhibit space, but to pay tribute to the legendary officer for whom it was named, Maj. Gen. Spurgeon Neel. It is appropriate that this pavilion be named for this man, because he, more than any other individual, lived and wrote the history of the most effective patient evacuation system ever developed. Indeed, he is known as the ‘father of aviation medicine.’”

In the presentation, The Major General Spurgeon Neel Aeromedical Evacuation Pavilion was accepted by Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, AMEDD

Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, with his signature.

The pavilion, built with funds raised by the museum’s nonprofit foundation, has a display of an H-13D, along with a UH-1 “Huey” Neel helped design.

The Huey helped save thousands of lives during the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Army formed “dustoff” units, named for a radio call sign, which evacuated about 380,000 patients.

In the 1970s, Neel advocated civilian air



The Army Medical Department Museum honored aviation medicine pioneer, the late Maj. Gen. Spurgeon Neel, in a formal ceremony Friday. The Spurgeon Neel Aeromedical Evacuation Pavilion was dedicated with a ribbon cutting. Participating in the honors are (from left) Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander of Fort Sam Houston and the AMEDD Center and School; Alice Neel, Neel’s widow; daughter, Dr. Leah Neel Zartarian; (retired) Lt. Gen. Quinn Becker; Tom Sokol; and (retired) Sgt. Maj. Ed Miller.

ambulance systems and oversaw formation of the 507th Medical Company, which provided military assistance to safety and traffic. By rescuing more than 5,000 civilians from car wrecks, floods and trauma cases in and around San Antonio, MAST further promoted air ambulance service.

Neel’s concept, put into practice and refined over time, has saved countless

lives. His concept of flying ambulances now is used daily to help civilians and troops at war.

Neel was instrumental in establishing the AMEDD Museum and served as the chairman of the museum board that was responsible for the expansion of the museum. The museum contains artifacts tracing AMEDD’s history since the Revolutionary War.

System eases CAC application process for contractors

The Department of Defense-mandated Contractor Verification System will be implemented Oct. 27.

The new system will eliminate paperwork for all eligible DoD contractors needing a Common Access Card. The CVS system only applies to new, eligible DoD contractors or existing DoD contractors whose CAC is reaching its expiration date.

“CVS is an automated, paperless process,” said Joe Gathers, deputy director of human resources, Directorate of Human Resources. “The Web-based system requires the CAC candidate information to be inputted into the CVS and approved by the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.”

Gathers is preparing for the Oct. 27 launch by seeking

points of contact from each organization on post.

“Prior to the Oct. 27 full implementation, every organization with eligible DoD contractors is urged to contact me to identify a point of contact to serve as the trusted agent security manager,” Gathers said.

The individual identified must be a DoD uniformed service member or a DoD civilian enrolled in DEERS. A quick response is needed since “the trusted agent security manager logon is taking approximately two to three weeks to arrive,”

The trusted agent security manager is responsible for establishing trusted agents, Gathers said. In turn, the trusted agent will be responsible for creating contractors’ accounts in the CVS after which the manager will verify the information is correct.

The contractor will be notified after the information is inputted in CVS. Upon approval from DEERS, contractors are required to schedule an appointment with the ID section; they will need two forms of ID for a CAC. The CAC is valid for up to three years from the date of issue, Gathers said.

“Without the CAC, contractors will not be able to access their computer workstation,” he said.

(Source: Directorate of Human Resources)

A meeting for trusted agent security managers and trusted agents will be held Oct 16 at 9 a.m. in Building 2247. For more information, call Joe Gathers at 221-0623.

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During her speech, Holcomb thanked her husband for supporting her through long work days and for always “having a meal ready every night.” She also thanked her battalion staff and Haynes, who was “always on target and always with the Soldiers’ best interest in mind.”

Holcomb praised the battalion’s Soldiers for their hard work, supporting 260 ceremonies and 2,300 funerals. Of those funerals, 25 were for active duty killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. “All were done with professionalism and precision,” she said.

Holcomb agreed with Martinson about a return of the battalion. “We’ve seen this unit come and go several times,” she said. “Maybe it will come again.”



Col. Wendy Martinson, U.S. Army Garrison commander, passes the cased Special Troops Battalion color to Sgt. Maj. Garland Haynes for safekeeping at the conclusion of the casing portion of the deactivation ceremony.

In the meantime, “don’t waste any tears over the loss,” Martinson said. “We should rejoice in the beautiful day. The Army is much better because of these Soldiers.”



Members of the Special Troops Battalion Color Guard assist in the deactivation ceremony on horseback. The Army horses are named after former sergeants major of the Army.

Photos by Elaine Wilson

VAOs ready to help troops exercise right to vote

By Yolanda Hagberg
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

With the 2006 November general elections just around the corner, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has designated Oct. 8 to 14 as Absentee Voters Week to stress the importance of the service member’s vote.

The Department of Defense, through the Federal Voting Assistance Program, is responsible for ensuring military members and their families, as well as U.S. citizens living overseas, exercise their right to vote through absentee balloting, which is part of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Ballots should be mailed no later than Oct. 15. In order to get an absentee ballot, troops can use the Federal Post Card Application, or send a written request for a ballot to the county, city, town or parish clerk. The deadline for submitting the FPCA varies from state to state, but registered voters are urged to submit it at least 30 days before the election.

If the absentee ballot is not received in time to meet the Oct. 15 deadline, troops can also use a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, or FWAB, if they meet the three criteria. First, the individual must be either absent from voting residence or be a citizen outside the United States, includ-

ing overseas. Second, he must have applied for a regular ballot early enough that the request is received by the local election official at least 30 days before the election and finally, he must not have received the requested regular state absentee ballot.

To help dispel the myth that overseas and military absentee votes do not count, each federal department and agency with personnel covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act is required to have a Voting Assistance Program. Critical to the success of these programs are the Voting Assistance Officers.

These individuals, in military or civilian life, are responsible for providing accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to those citizens attempting to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Fort Sam Houston and its tenant organizations VAOs are prepared and ready to help Soldiers and their families prepare the FWAB and mail it to their home of record election official during the Absentee Voters Week. For more information, call or e-mail an area VAO (listed below). Additional helpful Web sites include: <http://www.fvap.gov>, http://www.fvap.gov/ivas/fvap_state_menu.html.

Fort Sam Houston Voting Assistance Officers

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Recovery training

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Personnel recovery training will include such recovery tasks as reporting, locating, supporting, recovering and returning and reintegrating.

Individual training will also be available in classified and unclassified formats and include survival, evasion, resistance

and escape techniques, as well as the Code of Conduct.

Today, in an asymmetric battlefield where it’s hard to distinguish friend from foe, FM 3-50.1 formally acknowledges it’s no longer solely special operations or aviation units at risk of capture or detainment; it’s all Soldiers, including transportation specialists, military

police, civil affairs units and transition teams.

“We’ve always gone after those who are isolated, missing, detained or captured; there’s no change in mind set. We now recognize all Soldiers to be at risk because of a battlefield that doesn’t have lines and an enemy who could be around the corner,” Waters said. “Before, when

you put a Soldier in Baghdad in a truck and he made a wrong turn he could, in fact, fall into enemy hands without our expectation of that. Now, we’ll be preparing for those things to happen through the training starting in November.”

For more information on FM 3-50.1, visit www.us.army.mil or www.train.army.mil.



Photo by Norma Guerra

CFC pledge

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Brooke Army Medical Center, fills out his Combined Federal Campaign pledge card as Capt. Ferdy Ameh, BAMC CFC coordinator, looks on. The signing marked the kick off for the 2006 campaign. The mission of the campaign is to support and promote charity through a program that is employee-focused, cost efficient and effective.

Northern Hills United Methodist Church members (from left) Jim Dukes, Chuck Bactzell and Bill Sledge present a \$5,000 check to Inge Godfrey (center), manager of the Brooke Army Medical Center Fisher Houses, Friday at the Fisher House barbecue. A barbecue is held each year to honor Zachary Fisher, the founder of the Fisher House, and to kick off BAMC's Combined Federal Campaign.



Troop Salute

232nd Medical Battalion



Soldier of the Week



Name: Pvt. Mark Mignone
Unit: D Company
MOS: 91W
Hometown: San Antonio
Time in service: Eight months
Future goals: To become sergeant major and retire from service in 20 years.
Reason for joining the Army: To provide for my wife and two children and to serve my country
Latest accomplishment: Passed the NR-Emergency Medical Technician basic exam

Junior Leader of the Week



Name: Pfc. Darryl Smalls
Unit: D Company
MOS: 91W
Hometown: Charleston, S.C.
Time in service: Eight months
Future goals: To earn a degree in nursing
Reason for joining the Army: To help in Operation Iraqi Freedom
Latest accomplishment: I passed the NR Emergency Medical Technician basic exam.

Career Clips

Incoming quality technician, San Antonio - Tests all raw materials received in the facility, verifies proper documentation and releases to production; within two hours per material; tests all in-house compounded adhesives such as viscosity, solids, PH, FTIR as applicable; maintains test records; maintains, retains sample files.

Clinical services manager, San Antonio - Provides primary and occupational care for employees and their dependents. Candidate will be responsible for supervising staff in all areas of the health center. Provides a broad spectrum of on-site, disease management and wellness services including primary care, pharmacy, occupational and corporate health.

The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Building 2263, Room B099 or by calling 221-1213.

81-year-old overcomes odds, becomes track star

By Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Granville Coggs is convinced he has discovered the ever-elusive elixir of youth.

“It’s called sweat,” he said with a laugh. “Anything you do that will make you sweat is aerobic and will keep you young and fit.”

At 81, Coggs is no stranger to sweat. A Harvard-trained radiologist, San Antonio Symphony Mastersinger and an original Tuskegee Airman, the retired lieutenant colonel has added one more title to an already impressive list – track star.

The Brooke Army Medical Center radiologist earned a gold and silver medal in the Texas State Senior Games last month in Austin, Texas. He took first place in the 400-meter run with a time of 1 minute, 51.46 seconds, and second in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 10:16.39. His finishing times qualified him for the biannual 2007 National Senior Games, which will be held in Louisville, Ky., this summer.

Not one to be modest, Coggs is proud of his wins and quick to display his medals to co-workers and friends. “It’s hard to be humble when you are so good,” he joked.

Coggs confidence and humor have carried him through a lifetime of struggles as he faced segregation, health struggles and personal tragedy.

Coggs was born July 30, 1925, in Pine Bluff, Ark., to the son of a slave who ascended to the position of college president. His mother, who stayed home to care for a family of five, was a constant source of encouragement. Both stressed the importance of education. “My family taught me anything was possible,” he said.

When World War II broke out, instead of becoming a “rich” engineer, Coggs decided he would take to the skies as a pilot. It was either that or be drafted into the infantry. He was one of the 932 black men selected to become a Tuskegee Airman, a controversial proposition in the segregated South. “I was blessed. If I’d been white, I’d have been put on a B-29 (as a bombardier).”

As a result of the Tuskegee “experiment” in Alabama, 450 black fighter pilots, under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., fought in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily and Europe. All were the “cream of the crop of young black males,” Coggs said.

Coggs finished Tuskegee training in 1945 with the military badges of aerial gunner, aerial bombardier and multi-engine pilot. It was too late for Coggs to enter combat, but not too late to meet his future wife, Maud, at a party. Maud, a varsity sprinter and basketball player, was a student at the Tuskegee Institute. “Here I was, a high school grad, wanting to marry a college girl. She had just one question, ‘How will you support me?’”

Coggs responded with an application for medical school. He set his sights on Harvard Medical School because “I knew I had to go to private school to get out of the South,” he said. “And I knew I had to get good grades.”

He did and shot straight up to the top of his career field after graduation, while also serving in the Air Force Reserve, where he stayed until 1985. In 1959, he became the first black physi-

cian at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Francisco, and established the ultrasound division at the University of California, San Francisco in 1972. His professional success culminated with an induction into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame in November 2001.

The same determination that drove him to success in the professional realm spilled over into his personal life. He became a follower of Dr. Kenneth Cooper, an Air Force physician at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, who wrote a book called “Aerobics” in 1968. The book kick-started a work-out craze that continues today.

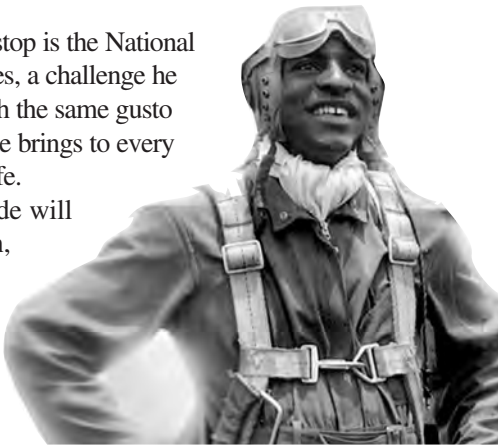
“I read it, believed it and started following it,” Coggs said. He and his wife started exercising although “back then we were considered crazy for doing it,” Maud said.

Years later, Coggs’ wife, a dietician, encouraged her husband to start jogging to help ease the symptoms of his narcolepsy, a sleep disorder that had plagued him throughout his life. She and Coggs started running a mile a day in 1994, a habit they continue today and one that eased his symptoms considerably, he said.

In 1996, at age 71, the consistent training paid off — Coggs could run a mile in under 8 minutes. “A fellow runner at the track observed my running and suggested I run in the (San Antonio) Senior Olympics,” Coggs said. In 1997, Coggs won a gold medal for his age group in the 1,500-meter run. He went on to win gold medals in the 1,500-meter run at the 1998 and 1999 San Antonio Senior Olympics.

His next stop is the National Senior Games, a challenge he will face with the same gusto and humor he brings to every area of his life.

By his side will be his coach, Michael Davis, whom Coggs has



Courtesy Photos

Granville Coggs races to the finish line at the Texas State Senior Games last month in Austin, Texas. The Brooke Army Medical Center radiologist earned a gold and silver medal at the games, qualifying him for the National Senior Games in Louisville, Ky., this summer.

claimed as a son. The two met in 2000 at the track at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Davis, a former high school coach, took on Coggs’ training and accompanied him to the senior games.

“As a person, he’s someone to look up to,” said Davis, a teacher at Sam Houston High School in San Antonio. “As an athlete, he is dedicated to being the best he can be. He took to athletics at a later age and took on the work of a much younger athlete. He’s a perfect role model for athletes young and old.”

Coggs speaks just as highly about Davis. “He never knew his dad and our only son died at 6,” said Coggs, who also has two daughters and two grandchildren. “He’s become like a son to me.”

Well-known vocalist, world-renowned doctor and a star athlete, Coggs is hard-pressed to name just one passion. Surprisingly, or perhaps not, he said his passion is one he has just started to pursue – video production. “I’m a ham,” he said.

If Coggs’ track record, on and off the field, is any proof, he is sure to find success as a videographer, a career he’s counting on having plenty of time to pursue.

“If I don’t live to be 100, I’m going to be disappointed,” he said.

Crime Prevention Month

Lock it up, stop thieves in their tracks

There have been numerous thefts on post in the past year. These thefts occurred in and around Brooke Army Medical Center, in the housing area and in several barracks. Most of these thefts could have been prevented.

The Fort Sam Houston Police Department issues McGruff the Crime Dog tickets to notify people when they leave their property unsecured. Since January, police officers have issued more than 1,400 of these tickets. The simplest way to prevent being a victim of theft is to lock up items. The following are a few other theft-prevention tips:

- Don't leave valuable items on top of a bunk or a desk, in an unsecured locker or on the backseat of a car. Unsecured wall lockers are the primary source of theft in the barracks.
- In the office, lock purses and wallets in a desk drawer, if possible, and carry the key. Make sure to identify visitors who might be wandering around the work area.
- Don't write down and store copies of debit card pin numbers in a wallet or purse.
- In the gym, bring a lock and secure belongings inside a locker.

Thieves are becoming clever. They take remote vehicle alarm devices and search parking lots for the corresponding car. The thief then

unlocks the vehicle and steals items from inside.

People with valuable items can do the following to help police:

- Fill out a Personal Property Record (CSFS Form 4292), which is available within units, at the Army Medical Department e-Forms site or the Crime Prevention Section located in Building 2250.
- Record the make, model and serial number of each item.
- Keep a copy of the form in your unit personnel folder and a second copy in a safe place.
- Update the form regularly.
- Take pictures of valuables and keep them with the receipts.
- Engrave your driver's license number and state (not your Social Security number) on the item to help police in identifying property and returning it if recovered.

Residents can also help keep Fort Sam Houston a safe place to live and work by joining a neighborhood watch. The police department can assist residents in starting a neighborhood watch.

For more information on neighborhood watch groups or to schedule a crime prevention brief, call the Crime Prevention Section at 221-0990.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Police Department)



Crime Prevention Month Proclamation

Whereas, crime and fear of crime adversely affect the well-being and the quality of life of all citizens and in all organizations in our community; and

Whereas, the financial loss, personal injury, property loss and deterioration of community spirit are intolerable; and

Whereas, the participation of civilian and military personnel in achieving the ultimate goal of reducing crime has proven to be successful; and

Whereas, it is essential to continue to distribute crime prevention information to the public and encourage their involvement in crime prevention programs in order to reduce the number of victims of crime; and

Whereas, crime prevention adds immeasurably to the health, safety and vigor of our community and should be encouraged and supported by all levels of the command, supporting activities, organizations, schools, community clubs and neighbors; and

Whereas, crime prevention programs implemented on this installation require the support of all personnel, civilian and military;

Now, therefore I, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, encourage all commanders, Soldiers, family members and civilian employees to increase their awareness of, and participation in, effective crime prevention measures.

Further, let it be resolved that I, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as Crime Prevention Month on Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

RUSSELL J. CZERW
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Emergency numbers



Dial 911 when calling from a Fort Sam Houston or Camp Bullis telephone number prefix.

Dial 554-4713 when calling from a cell phone or from anywhere on Fort Sam Houston other than the post telephone number prefixes.

On Camp Bullis, **dial 295-7517** from a cell phone or non-Camp Bullis prefix.

The fire prevention office has phone stickers for these numbers. Stop by Building 4196, Room A37 or call 221-5452.

Army Community Service

October Financial Readiness Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Understanding Your Credit Report	Today	2 to 4 p.m.
Financial Planning	Tuesday	2 to 4 p.m.
Identity Theft	12	2 to 4 p.m.

Understanding your Credit Report - The class consists of pulling a credit report, reviewing, correcting and updating your credit report.

Financial Planning – The class consists of information on savings, credit and establishing budgets.

Identity Theft – The class consists of information on how not to become a victim, how to recognize and what to do if you become a victim of identity theft.

Classes are held in Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road, Room 1. Everyone is invited to take advantage of these classes. Class space is limited. To register for class or for more information, call 221-1612.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire department urges community to ‘Watch What You Heat’

By Terry Davis
Assistant chief of fire prevention

Fire Prevention Week is Sunday through Oct. 14. This year, the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department will join forces with the National Fire Protection Association to remind local residents to “Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat.”

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. This is the 85th year that fire departments will observe Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

Throughout the week, the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department will conduct practice fire drills, tours of the fire department and fire extinguisher training.

Hands-on, live fire extinguisher training will be conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Oct. 12 at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the Fire Department Training Area, Building 3826, across the street from the Main Fire Station at the corner of Schofield and Garden roads. Training is open to Fort Sam Houston military and civilian employees.

Additionally, the Fire Department will host an all-day open house Oct. 14. Activities will include a live fire demonstration, water polo competition, food and drinks, a dunking booth, fire safety games, fire safety videos, moon jump, exhibits, face painting and special appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog. Displays will be provided by Crime Prevention, which will offer finger printing; Fort Sam Houston Safety; Community Health Nursing; City Public Service; and American Medical Response, which will conduct blood pressure checks.

Firefighters and safety advocates also will spread the word about the dangers of cooking

fires — most of which result from unattended cooking — and teach local residents how to prevent cooking fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. One out of three home fires begins in the kitchen, more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

Firefighters and safety advocates emphasize the following safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home and use a timer.
- If you have young children, use the stove’s back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- When cooking, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels and anything else that can burn away from the stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Along with cooking safely, Fort Sam Houston residents are urged to ensure that smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home and kept working with monthly testing and annual battery replacement. All smoke alarms should be replaced with a new unit after 10 years. Families should create a fire escape plan and practice it twice a year.

For more information about fire prevention, call the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department at 221-5452 or visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

Fire Prevention Week 2006 Proclamation



Whereas, Fort Sam Houston is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our post; and

Whereas, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

Whereas, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association has documented through its research that cooking is the leading cause of home fires. One out of three home fires begins in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home.

Whereas, Fort Sam Houston’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and


Whereas, Fort Sam Houston’s residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire; and

Whereas, using proper care when cooking will have a positive effect on the home fire problem; and

Whereas, each cooking fire that is prevented on Fort Sam Houston is an opportunity to prevent painful injury and costly property damage; and

Whereas, the 2006 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat,” effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

Therefore, I, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, U.S. Army, do hereby proclaim Oct. 8 to 14 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this post, and I urge all the people of Fort Sam Houston to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2006, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Fort Sam Houston Fire and Emergency Services.



RUSSELL J. CZERW
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Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Month

Family Advocacy Program offers avenues of help

By Bob Harry
Family Advocacy Program

The Family Advocacy Program consists of two major components: the Department of Social Work located at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Outreach, Prevention Module located at Army Community Service.

DSW provides assessment, treatment and care management services, and case management. DSW also conducts the Case Review Committee to review allegations of domestic violence and child abuse. Once this multidisciplinary team hears the case review, with input from the victim advocate and command, team members make a determination on whether or not abuse took place. The case manager then makes a recommendation for treatment services. These services may include individual, group or family therapy, community FAP classes, or assistance through the chaplains, substance abuse treatment, Military OneSource or Behavioral Health.

Soldiers convicted of a felony charge of domestic violence are prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving firearms or ammunition. Soldiers also have a continuing obligation to inform commanders or supervisors if they have, or later obtain, a qualifying conviction.

DSW will also assess concerns of child abuse in any referral of domestic abuse.

The Outreach, Prevention Module includes Victim Advocacy, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, the New Parent Support Program and Community Education.

Victim Advocacy provides assistance to victims of domestic violence through victim advocates. Victim advocates explain the difference between “restricted” and “unrestricted” abuse reporting to victims.

Restricted reporting allows the victim to seek medical treatment and counseling without the incident being reported to investigative or command channels. Under restricted reporting, the victim may only report the incident to a victim advocate, the FAP manager or medical

services personnel, to include DSW.

Unrestricted reporting allows the investigative and command authorities to become involved and facilitates accountability for the offender.

Victim advocates also help develop safety plans, assist in a referral for legal assistance, coordinate emergency shelter, provide assistance with permanent change of station requirements, obtain protection orders from the courts and represent the client through the CRC and Sexual Assault and Response Board review and treatment process.

The Sexual Assault Program provides assistance to military victims who are sexually assaulted by another military member. The restricted and unrestricted options are available for these victims as well, but the client may also report the incident to chaplains and the sexual assault response coordinator. The Sexual Assault Program includes unit victim advocates who may assist in obtaining services and treatment for the victim. All units and UVAs must attend sexual assault training.

The Community Education component also conducts annual unit training on domestic and child abuse, Victim Advocacy and the Transitional Compensation Program. Training is required for all new first sergeants and commanders within 45 days of their assuming command.

Additionally, Community Education offers monthly classes through the New Parent Support Program, which also provides home visitation for families with children from birth to age 3. The NPSP classes include You and Your Baby, Getting Ready for Childbirth, Healthy

Pregnancy, the HUGS Playgroup and Dad’s Difference. Parenting classes include Systematic Training for Effective Parenting for Early Childhood, and School Age Children and Parents of Teens. A Middle Way Parenting class is also available that does not center on any specific age group. Classes are also given on anger, stress and negotiating conflict, along with a teen-oriented class called Truth or Consequences which focuses on anger, conflict, decision making, goals and self-esteem.

For more information on the Family Advocacy Program and related services, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.



Photo by Elaine Wilson

Tie a purple ribbon

Elizabeth Pini, from the Family Advocacy Program, ties a purple ribbon around a tree outside of the In and Out Processing Center on Stanley Road Monday to remind people about Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Month. Pini and other FAP volunteers tied ribbons in housing areas as well as in front of the library and the Roadrunner Community Center. For more information on domestic violence prevention, call FAP at 221-0349.

Army Community Service

Family Advocacy Program October Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Building Effective Anger Management Skills B.E.A.M.S. (six-part series)	16, 23 and 29	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m
B.E.A.M.S. (Series 5 and 6)	Wednesday, 18 and 25	4:30 to 6 p.m.
Commanders' Training	26	8 to 9:30 a.m.
Dad Difference (two-part series)	16 and 23	2 to 3 p.m.
Getting Ready for Childbirth	20	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Healthy Pregnancy	18	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Helping Us Grow Securely (H.U.G.S.) Playgroup	Tuesday, 17 and 24	9 to 11 a.m.
Middle Way Parenting	13, 20 and 27	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Marriage Enrichment - Couples Enrichment (three-part class)	12, 19 and 26	5:30 to 7 p.m.
S.T.E.P Early Childhood	today and 12	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
S.T.E.P. Program for Parents of School Age Children	today, 12, 19 and 26	1 to 2:30 p.m.
S.T.E.P. Program for Parents of Teens	Tuesday, 17 and 24	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Stress Management	18	1 to 2:30 p.m.
Truth or Consequences? (four-part series)	Tuesday, 17 and 24	4:30 to 6 p.m.
You and Your Baby (two-part class)	Wednesday and 25	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Classes are open to all military, their family members, and Department of Defense civilian ID cardholders. For more information or to register, call 221-0349 or 221-2418 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS . . .

Adult baseball league forming

Teams are now forming for the 2007 baseball season; full teams are also welcome. Age brackets include 18, 28, 38, 48 and father-son ages 18 and older. The league is affiliated with the National Adult Baseball Association. Register Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bain Field, located at the corner of Basse and McCullough roads in San Antonio. Registration fee is \$10. For information, call Wes Rogers at 479-6888 or 326-0212 or visit jrotc450363@aol.com.

intramural basketball

Letters of intent are due Nov. 1. Send letters

to the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil. A coaches meeting will be held Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180.

Men’s basketball players needed

The Fort Sam Houston men’s basketball team has openings. For more information, call 221-1180.

Boxing at the Brought III

Boxing at the Brought III will be held Oct. 28 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 6 p.m. The doors open at 5 p.m. The boxers are ready and the match-ups are expected to bring about fierce action and competition. For more information, call the

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Branch Boxing Club at 221-1532 or 221-1342 or e-mail douglas.stanley@samhous-ton.army.mil.

Instructors needed

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center seeks instructors for pilates and yoga classes. For more information, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

Intramural fall softball standings

Sept. 28			
Team	Win	Loss	
ARNORTH	7	0	
USARSO	5	0	
264th Med Bn	6	4	
BAMC	5	4	

470th MI	4	5
STB Renegades	3	5
MEPS	2	5
201st MI	0	8

Intramural flag football standings

Sept. 30				
Team		Win	Loss	
1st	264th Med Bn	3	0	
2nd	187th Med Bn	2	1	
3rd	DENTAC	2	2	
4th	BAMC	1	1	
5th	BNCOC	1	1	
6th	232nd Med Bn	2	3	
7th	201st MI	0	2	
8th	USAREC	0	1 (dropped)	
*USAREC has been dropped from further league play and records have been adjusted.				

Fort Sam Houston
Independent School District
Weekly Calendar - Monday
through Oct. 14

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
Monday

Student holiday/staff development day/Columbus Day

Wednesday

Early dismissal
Pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, 2 p.m.
Fifth and sixth grade, 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 13

Spirit day
End of first nine weeks
Last day to earn 20 cougar cash

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School
Monday

Student holiday/staff development day/Columbus Day

Tuesday

Volleyball at Hawkins, 5 and 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Hispanic Heritage Celebration - special assembly schedule

Fields of faith at Cougar stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 12

Junior varsity football vs. Dilley at Cole, 6 p.m.

Oct. 13

End of first nine weeks
Hispanic Heritage book club in media center during advisory and lunch
DECA Leadership Conference T-Bar M ranch lock-in

Volleyball at Dilley, 4 and 5 p.m.

Varsity football at Dilley, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 14

SAT test date
DECA Leadership Conference T-Bar M ranch lock-in
Bobcat invitational cross country meet at Comfort, TBA

School-based health center provides student care

By Dr. Gloria Davila
Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

The new Cole School-Based Health Center opened for business Tuesday for the first time. The schedule was filled with names of students with appointments to visit the center, which was staffed by Maj. Jeffery Greene and Capt. Paolo Roncallo, adolescent medicine fellows from Brooke Army Medical Center.

“The whole purpose of locating a School-Based Health Center at Cole Jr./Sr. High School is to provide competent adolescent care for students with acute and chronic conditions,” said Greene.

“We want to keep students in class, which we know will help them improve their overall academic performance.”

The Cole School-Based Health Center is a comprehensive, primary health care center staffed by BAMC pediatricians who specialize in the health and welfare of adolescent-aged children. The center will provide services such as school physical exams, nutrition and weight counseling, immunizations, and diagnosis and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries.

The first student to be attended by Greene and Roncallo was senior Paul Crotts, who received a sports physical examination, a requirement for all students participating in athletics.

“This is a great concept, since we do not have to go all the way to BAMC for an appointment with the doctors,” said Crotts, who is on the swimming team.

“Now, all I have to do is walk down the hall to go back to class.”

“This is another example of the great partnerships that exist between Fort Sam Houston Independent



Courtesy photo

Capt. Paolo Roncallo (left) and Maj. Jeffery Greene welcome Cole senior Paul Crotts, the first patient at the new Cole School-Based Health Center.

School District and Fort Sam Houston,” said Dr. Roland Rios, Cole principal. “We are grateful to Dr. Greene and the other BAMC medical personnel for advocating for the school-based health center.”



Courtesy photo

Cougars maul Pirates

By retired Lt. Col. Robert Hoffmann
Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

The Robert G. Cole High School football team finished off their non-conference schedule with a convincing 59-0 rout of the outmanned Center Point Pirates Friday at Center Point. Sophomore Greg Washington ran for 211 yards

and four touchdowns on only nine carries. Chauncy Holmes had eight carries for 111 yards and three touchdowns. The game was never in doubt as the Cougars sprinted out to a 28-0 lead after the first quarter. Cole ran up 512 yards total offense, compared to the Pirates’ 125. The 4-1 Cougars start district 30-2A play Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Dilley, Texas.

Outstanding students

Each month Cole Jr./Sr. High School recognizes one student from each grade level for outstanding attitude, citizenship and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The recipients for September are (back row, from left) George Washington, 10th grade; Troy Griffith, ninth grade; and Fabian Rodriguez, 12th grade. (Sitting, from left) Cameron Starr, seventh grade; Caitlin Mester, 11th grade; and Rebecca Lavender, eighth grade.

RELIGIOUS HAPPENINGS . . .

Catholic religious education registration

Registration for Catholic religious education for first holy communion and confirmation classes is now in progress. Classes begin Sunday. To enroll a child or for more information, call Brian Merry at 221 5006 or e-mail brian.merry@samhouston.army.mil.

Catholic Women of the Chapel

The Catholic Women of the Chapel will not meet Friday due to the holiday weekend. They will resume Oct. 13 with a rosary at 8:30 a.m., mass at 9 a.m. and a program on making rosaries at 9:30 am. The following Friday events begin at 9 a.m. with fellowship and enrichment studies. Childcare is provided. For more information, call Kate Schupbach at 212-7842.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m at the Dodd Field Chapel. Childcare is provided for up to age 5. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Lois Griffith at 226-1295 or visit www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain/pwoc.



Fall Bible studies for OCF

The Fort Sam Houston Officers’ Christian Fellowship will host Bible studies Oct. 15 and 22, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17. Studies will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 1008 Gorgas Circle, Fort Sam Houston, followed by dessert. Nov. 5 will be a potluck dinner and study. For more information, call Lt. Col. Bob Griffith at 221-6740 or 385-8451 or e-mail robert.griffith1@amedd.army.mil.

Post Worship Schedule

Main Post Chapel , Building 2200, 221-2754		11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
Catholic Services:		11 a.m. - Mass - weekdays
4:45 to 5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays		Protestant Services:
5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays		10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays		12 p.m. - Worship - Wednesdays
11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays		
Protestant Services - Sundays:		
8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant		
11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant		
Jewish Services: 379-8666 or 493-6660		
8 p.m. - Fridays - Worship and 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat		
Dodd Field Chapel , Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432		
Catholic Service: 12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays		
Protestant Services:		
10:30 a.m. - Collective Gospel Protestant - Sundays		
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Women’s Bible Study (PWOC) - Wednesdays, child care is provided.		
Samoan Protestant Service: 8:30 a.m. - Sundays		
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel , Building 3600, 916-1105		
Catholic Services:		
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays		
		AMEDD Regimental Chapel , Building 1398, 221-4362
		Catholic Mass: 8 a.m. - Sundays
		Protestant Service: 9 a.m. - Sundays
		Christian education: 10 a.m. -Sundays
		Gospel Service: 11 a.m. - Sundays
		Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints:
		9:30 a.m. - Sundays at Evans Auditorium
		FSH Mosque , Building 607A, 221-5005 or 221-5007
		10:30 a.m. - Children’s Religious Education - Sundays
		1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays
		7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education - Thursdays
		Installation Chaplain’s Office , Building 2530, 295-2096
		Contemporary service: 11:01 a.m. - Sundays
		Web site: www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain

Smoke-free, courageous forever

Attend smoking cessation classes in the Health Promotion Center and learn how to find the courage to give up the nicotine habit forever, whether you smoke, dip or chew. Become one of our graduates and earn your “wings.” Visit the Health Promotion Center, Room L31-9V, Brooke Army Medical Center, or call 916-3352 or 916-5538.



Intel Soldiers learn urban warfare at Apache Gauntlet

Story and photos by **Spc. Tim Luukkonen**
314th Military Intelligence Battalion

Today's battlefield is no longer like the trench warfare faced in World War I or like the jungles of Vietnam. Instead, Soldiers fight street to street, building to building, clearing out insurgents in urban warfare. The difference between life and death for both civilians and Soldiers can hinge on the training received before deployment.

For six months, the Soldiers of A Company, 314th Military Intelligence Battalion at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, trained together as platoons and squads. They went from being individual intelligence Soldiers to combat-ready tactical teams. They learned how to approach a danger zone in a city, enter and clear a building, minimize civilian and Soldier casualties, and extract their teams to a safe zone while securing prisoners of war and freed hostages.

However, until exercise Apache Gauntlet, there was no way of knowing if the training was effective.

"Whenever you train Soldiers, there has to be a way to evaluate that training. And that is what Apache Gauntlet was, an evaluation of the Soldiers' training," said Capt. Jeffery Wood.

For the exercise, which was held Sept. 23 and 24 at Camp Bullis, each platoon went out with a set of operation orders and had to complete their mission within a limited amount of time. The Soldiers were equipped with M-16s, radios, rucksacks and

MILES gear, a device with sensors to detect when a Soldier has been shot.

Unlike the previous training, decisions had to be quick and precise or Soldiers and civilians would lose their lives. Although injuries were simulated, the Soldiers treated them as if they were real.

"In Apache Gauntlet, multiple tasks were sewn together building a scenario the Soldiers hadn't yet experienced," said Sgt. 1st Class Bart Priest. "For many of these young Soldiers, this was the closest to real combat they have encountered in their career. The biggest obstacle they faced was having the leadership making decisions outside of their comfort zone.

"Being stationed at this MI unit, of course, many of the Soldiers are analytical in nature. They're usually given a lot of information and have the time to assess and evaluate it," he said. "This training, however, required the leaders to make critical life and death decisions in a matter of seconds. Through the fog of war, good leaders and decision-makers shine through, and that was clearly evident during the training."

Once the gear was distributed, the Soldiers mounted up in Humvees and headed to their first checkpoint. Along the way improvised

explosive devices detonated, immobilizing the lead and rear vehicles. Two Soldiers were injured from the explosions. Dismounting, the remaining Soldiers secured the area and radioed in to headquarters. Due to the disabled vehicles, the Soldiers were forced to quickly march to the checkpoint.

After they arrived, a video was delivered showing that a U.S. Soldier had been taken hostage following an attack on a U.S.-manned checkpoint. Unless Iraqi prisoners of war were released the Soldier would be executed. Given intelligence from command, the Soldiers were tasked to detain the creator of the video and find out where the hostage was being held.

On their first mission, the platoon separated into two squads and entered the Iraqi village. There they faced both armed and unarmed civilians. When they reached the film maker's home, they rushed in and secured him. However, by this point the armed civilians began opening fire, which made extraction very difficult. During these tense moments quick decisions were crucial to survival.

"Situations like these evaluated how we worked as a team and the leadership's ability to lead in a stressful situation. It also gave insight as to where the training was good and where it needed to be improved," said Sgt. Edward Summerell.

After assessing the situation, platoon leaders found the best escape route and returned back to base with the detainee and wounded Soldiers. From there, they interviewed the captive and found the location of the Soldier held hostage. Their only task left was to go in and get him.

The platoon walked the village streets in two staggered columns. They were flanked by friendly snipers whose job was to eliminate immediate insurgent threats. Guards were outside of each building. The Army snipers took aim, fired and eliminated the guards. From then on it was utter chaos.

Splitting again into two squads, one on the left and one on the right, the platoon rushed into each building. Inside, they secured unarmed civilians and shot those who were armed. The enemy was eliminated in the two buildings and the hostage rescued. Outside, however, insurgents were swarming over the Soldiers. They were immediately pinned down and forced to defend themselves from attacks coming at them from all directions. After several tense moments of fire, Humvees arrived and extracted all the Soldiers. Some were able to run to the vehicles; the less lucky ones had to be carried.

Back safely at camp, the exercise came to an end.

"It was a good exercise where Soldiers really learned a lot. They took the fundamentals of Warrior Tasks and Drills and incorporated them into real-life scenarios, which gave the Soldiers a chance to see how those tasks would be used in real life," said Staff Sgt. James Marcil.

This exercise also gave the battalion commander a chance to assess his troops and the training they received. "I think it went quite well. I liked the IEDs and I think it gave the Soldiers a feel of how quick things can go to hell in a hand basket. The Soldiers responded well and one thing they took away from it was teamwork," said Lt. Col. Christopher Himsl.

"This was a solid performance given the limited training time and the sophistication of tasks," he said.

(Note: The 314th Military Intelligence Battalion falls under the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Sam Houston)





(Above) Spc. Phil Lormand takes cover under a disabled Humvee, scanning for any sign of attack.
(Left) After clearing the first floor with his team, Sgt. Edward Summerell cautiously advances down to the basement.



(Above) Sgt. Kevin Scalf moves closer to apprehend the creator of a hostage video. The film maker, Sgt. 1st Class James Jump, peers out of his office window.
(Left) Sgt. Nathaniel Ferguson and Spc. Casey Stewart crouch down and pull security after their Humvees are disabled.

(Below) Marine Cpl. Brennan Jones stands guard over hostage Spc. George Templeton.



(Above) Spcs. John Hale and Damon Weasler ensure no enemies lurk around the corner.



Sgt. Edward Summerell and Capt. Jeffery Wood review the tasks and procedures for the next mission.

Paul Matthews, director, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, presents Lori Sabin a Child Development Associate credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.



Photo by Ruth Mitchell

FCC provider earns childcare credential

By Donna Williams
Family Child Care

Lori Sabin, a Family Child Care provider at Fort Sam Houston, has been awarded a Child Development Associate credential in recognition of her outstanding work with young children.

The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

The CDA is the only major national effort to improve childcare by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The majority of the states as well as the District of Columbia include CDA in childcare licensing regulations.

Every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children and is evaluated by a team, which includes early childhood experts and parents. The candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children’s physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment. Several FCC providers have earned the credential.

For information on becoming an FCC provider, call 221-3828 or stop by the FCC Office, 1630-A Sultan Road (behind the Youth Center).

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MWR hotline

Information about MWR events, activities and programs is available 24 hours a day at 295-3697 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

COMMUNITY RECREATION

2006 Combat Medic Fest

The 2006 Combat Medic Fest will be held Oct. 21 from 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the MacArthur Parade Field. The Combat Medic Run will kick off the day-long festivities and includes a 5K, 10K and 2-mile run or walk. Other activities include a parade, arts and crafts fair, live entertainment, games, contests and children’s activities. For the first time, the festival will include a barbecue cook-off, “Funniest Soldier on Post” competition and a dance contest.

If interested in participating in the Combat Medic Fest, contact the following for registration information:

Activity	Contact
• Food vendor	221-5224
• Barbecue cook-off	221-5224
• Arts and crafts fair	221-5224
• Parade	221-3185
• “Funniest Soldier on Post” contest	221-1532 or 221-1234
• Combat Medic Run	www.iaapweb.com

For more information on event activities, call 221-3003.

Free Judo classes

Free Judo classes are held at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center every Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Carl Johansen at 279-1742.

Party pavilion at Canyon Lake

The Fort Sam Houston Recreation Center at Canyon Lake has an outdoor setting with the amenities suited for special occasions. A 42-foot by 52-foot covered pavilion situated in a private wooded area overlooks the lake. The pavilion is an ideal venue for a special event such as a wedding, anniversary party, family reunion, instructional class or hail and farewell. Area features include grill stations, picnic tables, fire rings, restrooms, children’s play area, electricity, water and swimming access, and is handicap accessible. For more information, call the Canyon Lake Recreation Center at 830-226-5357.

AC service

Air condition service is available at the Fort Sam Houston Auto Craft Center. The Auto Craft Center has a certified AC technician on staff with 30 years of experience. The cost is \$30 for AC service. Freon, oil and environmental fee are extra. A \$5 off coupon for AC service is available from various Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities; visit the Auto Craft Shop Web site at www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com. No appointment is needed. For more information, call 221-3962.

Equestrian Center trail rides

One-hour trail rides are offered at the Equestrian Center Saturdays and Sundays to patrons over 7 years old. Children younger than 12 years old must be accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$20 per person. First trail ride begins at 8:30

a.m.; the last ride is at 2 p.m. Pony rides are available Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for children 6 years old and younger. Parent leads pony. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call 224-7207.

BOSS Halloween Bash

Members of the “Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers” will host a Halloween Bash Oct. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Participants can enjoy free unlimited bowling at that time. The family event is open to the public. For more information, call 224- 7250 or 221-3683.

Boxing at the Brought III

Boxing at the Brought III will be held Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The doors open at 5 p.m. The boxers are ready and the match-ups are expected to bring about fierce action and competition. For more information, call the MWR Sports Branch Boxing Club at 221-1532 or 221-1342, or e-mail douglas.stanley@samhouston.army.mil.

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

Lunch on the run

The Sam Houston Club offers lunch to go. Customers can select take-out items from the deluxe salad bar for \$4.95 or the buffet bar for \$6.95. Delivery service is also available with a minimum of 10 orders required. For more information, call 224-2721.

Family-style Sunday brunch

Brunch is held the first and third Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The next brunch will be held Oct. 15 and will feature a kids’ meal station, chocolate fondue station, complimentary champagne and international food station. The cost is \$13.95 for nonmembers, \$11.95 for members and \$7.95 for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 years old and under eat free. For more information, call 224-2721.

TGIF

Free food and live entertainment featuring “Triple Nickel” are the evening’s highlights at TGIF Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2721.

Big Bucks Bingo

A guaranteed pool of \$10,300 prize money is up for grabs at Big Bucks Bingo Saturday at the Sam Houston Club. Early bird start is at 10:30 a.m. Buy packs early to be eligible for door prizes. For more information, call 224-2721.

Club membership benefits

Become a member of the Sam Houston Club and receive the first month of membership free. Members get a benefits card that will give them the chance to get free items such as Sunday brunch, weekday lunch, bowling games, a bingo package and dinner theater show from various MWR activities. Club members can select one of the complimentary services after using 10 paid activities at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721.

Bowling Center, 221-3683

Rent-A-Lane Bowling Special

The Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center offers a Rent-A-Lane special Tuesdays from 5 to 8:45 p.m. The cost is \$20 per lane which includes unlimited bowling and shoe rentals. The offer is available to groups up to eight people. For more information, call 221-3683.

Unlimited bowling Friday nights

Receive unlimited bowling Fridays from 9 p.m. to midnight for only \$5.95 at the bowling center. For more information, call 221-3683.

Eighties Day

Enjoy 80 cent bowling and 80 cent shoe rental every Sunday from 2 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. For more information, call 221-3683.

Bumpers and gutters

Bumpers and gutters are installed at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Now bowling novices can enjoy playing alongside experienced bowlers. Bumpers can retract from player to player in a group or family to adjust to individual skill levels and have flashing lights that glow in the dark. It is the perfect addition to bowling parties for kids. For more information, call 221-3683.

Golf Club, 221-4388

Junior golf lessons

Junior golf lessons are held Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Junior lessons are available for youth 7 to 16 years old of any level of experience. The cost is \$7. For more information or to register, call 355-5429.

Club Championship returns

The Fort Sam Houston Golf Club will host the annual Club Championship Nov. 4 and 5. The 36-hole stroke play event will be held on the championship golf course, La Loma Grande, with an 8 a.m. shot-gun start time on both days. The Club Championship will be flighted by handicaps. There will be a championship flight and open flight as well as seniors, super-seniors, ladies and junior flights. Interested golfers should register in their respective flights at the Pro Shop from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Registration deadline is Nov. 2. Participation is open to all Fort Sam Houston Golf Council members, active duty military members and their family members, Department of Defense employees and contractors assigned to Fort Sam Houston. The registration fee is \$50 for members and \$70 for non-members. Fee includes golf carts, green fees (if applicable), prizes and an awards banquet immediately following the tournament’s conclusion Nov. 5. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 222-9386.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre, 222-9694

“Wait until Dark,” a thriller by Frederick Knot, will play at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre Oct. 11 through Nov. 4. Performance tickets are \$24.95 on Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$27.95 on Fridays and Saturdays. The house opens for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet is open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. For more information or reservations, call 222-9694.

MWR ticket office, 226-1663

Tickets are on sale at the MWR Ticket Office, located inside the Sam Houston Club, for popular local attractions and events as well as for out-of-state theme parks. Get San Antonio Speedway tickets for \$6 through Oct. 21. The MWR Ticket Office is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is closed Saturdays and Mondays. For more information, call 226-1663.

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

Basketball registration

Basketball registration will be held Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. All other dates in between for registration will be at Central Registration, Building 2797, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last day to register for basketball will be Dec. 2. Participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services. To register, patrons must bring a current leave and earnings statement or W-2 form, current shots for kindergarten through fifth grade, a sport physical within the last year, two local emergency designees, \$18 registration fee and activity fee.

Basketball coach needed

The sports program is seeking volunteers to coach basketball. Those interested must consent and clear a background check. For more information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-5513.

Parent Advisory Council meeting

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Oct. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an

opportunity to meet staff and learn of upcoming events and parent education opportunities.

Care packages for Soldiers

The Youth Services Middle School Teen program will take donations for a community service project. The youth will prepare care packages to send to Soldiers overseas. Donations can be made at the Youth Center, Building 1630, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and Saturdays from 3 to 10 p.m. A list of suggested items is available at the Youth Center. Suggested donation items include: granola bars, cereal in single-size servings, personal hygiene articles, individual-size servings of soups and entrée pop-top cans, travel-size games, DVD movies and pens and paper. For more information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

Before and after school registration

Register youth for the before and after school program for middle school and open recreation. Participants must have a Child and Youth Services membership. To register for membership, patrons will need to provide a leave and earnings statement or pay stub, two local emergency designees, \$18 registration fee and youth’s Social Security number.

Headstart seeks applicants

Parent Child Incorporated is seeking applicants for the Headstart program. This is a free childcare program designed to help Soldiers, E-5 and below, and low income Department of Defense civilian employees. Applicants must meet federal guidelines, and entry is based on annual income. For more information, call 221-3788.

Off-post childcare options

The Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood program offers military families more childcare options in the local community. There are two childcare centers and 25 civilian providers in areas surrounding Fort Sam Houston for use by local Army families. The centers and providers are monitored to ensure they meet Army standards. For more information or to inquire about childcare, call Family Service Association at 299-2480 or Fort Sam Houston Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Home-based childcare

Family Child Care offers home-based child care for ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified providers. FCC

offers full-day, part-day, before- and after-school care, hourly care, extended hourly care and long-term care. For referral information or child registration, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Hourly childcare

Child and Youth Services provides hourly care for patrons seeking intermittent childcare. Patrons must be registered with CYS. Care is based on availability and must be reserved in advance. For more information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Family Child Care Online

Family Child Care Online is a marketing tool that allows parents to take a virtual tour of FCC homes. In addition, parents can read about the provider’s philosophy of care, hours of operation and background. This online tool can be accessed through the Child and Youth Services Central Registration office at Building 2797 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

FCC providers

Family Child Care is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers. There is a no-cost start-up plan. For more information, call 221-3820 or 221-3828.

Events

Cornyval Military Appreciation Night

Members of the Ride for the Brand Rodeo organization will host Military Appreciation Night today at 6 p.m. at the Helotes Cornyval Grounds located on Leslie Road, just off Bandera Road in Helotes, Texas. Admission is free to the carnival and dance with country music band, “Cuervo Negro.”

The Ride for the Brand Rodeo

The Ride for the Brand Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday at the Cornyval Grounds beginning at 8 p.m. The Cornyval will feature food and drink booths, arts and crafts and a dance each night. For ticket prices and more information, visit www.rid-forthe-brandsrodeo.org.

Grapetown, Texas walk

The Volkssportverin Fredericksburg Volksmarch Club will host a 10K and 5K walk Saturday beginning at the Grapetown Schuetzen Verein in Grapetown, Texas, about 9 1/2 miles south of Fredericksburg. For more information, call Joyce O’Rear at 830-992-2053, e-mail tnjocole@austin.rr.com or visit www.walktx.org/AVA1/.

VFW Post 8541 ‘Picker’s Picnic’

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway, will sponsor the annual “Picker’s Picnic” Sunday from 12 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher Houses. Veterans and guests are welcome. For more information, call 669-1818 or visit <http://www.vfwpost8541.org>.

McKittrick Canyon hike

Outdoorsman Steve Ochoa will lead a tour to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park to hike McKittrick Canyon. Participants will caravan to the park Oct. 13, hike the next day and return Oct. 15. A meeting will be held prior to the hike to discuss lodging, safety and equipment. The cost of the tour, travel and lodging is \$50 and does not include food. For more information, call 657-8866 or register online at www.neisd.net.

Navy to celebrate 231st birthday

Celebrate the Navy’s 231st birthday with shipmates at the Navy Ball Oct. 13 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Gateway Club on Lackland Air Force Base. Cocktail hour and silent auction begin at 6 p.m. and dinner and ceremony at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call Carol Moor at 295-9694 or e-mail moorec@enrc.navy.mil.

‘Wait Until Dark’ at Harlequin

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will feature “Wait Until Dark,” by Frederick Knott, every Wednesday through Saturday evening beginning Oct. 15 through Nov. 4. The cost is \$27.95 Fridays and Saturdays and \$24.95 Wednesdays and Thursdays. There are discounts for military. The house opens for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet is open from 6:30 to 7:30, and the show begins at 8 p.m. For reservations, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694. The box office is open from 12 to 5 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The theater is handicapped accessible.

USO dart tournament

The United Service Organizations in downtown San Antonio will hold a dart tournament Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. Active duty and retired military personnel and their families are invited to participate. The entry fee is \$5. The first place winner will take the pot and the second place winner will receive an Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate. To register, call Julie Nichols at 220-9379, ext. 12 or e-mail jnichols@alam-ouso.org.

OCSC silent auction, luncheon

The Officer and Civilian Spouses’ Club will host a “Make It, Bake It, Sew It, or

Grow It” silent auction and luncheon Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Members who wish to donate an item for the auction should arrive by 10:30 a.m. The luncheon guest speaker will be Docia Williams, who will talk about “Haunted San Antonio.” The cost is \$13. For reservations, call Sigrid Reistetter at 226-8806.

‘Newcomers Extravaganza’

The next “Newcomers Extravaganza” will be held Oct. 24 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The monthly newcomers orientation is mandatory for all newly assigned permanent party Soldiers in the rank of lieutenant colonel and below within 60 days of arrival at Fort Sam Houston. Soldiers, civilians and family members will learn about Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio area. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to allow Soldiers and civilian employees administrative time to attend. Children are welcome. For more information, call the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program at 221-2705 or 221-2418.

Fisher House, Inc. gala, silent auction

The Fisher House, Inc. gala and silent auction will be held Oct. 28 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel. Entertainment will be provided by the Sentimental Journey Orchestra and dress is business attire. For ticket information or to sponsor a table, call 673-7500.

Country, gospel music show

A country jamboree, country and gospel music show is presented the second Monday of each month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Seguin-Guadalupe County Coliseum, 810 S. Guadalupe St. in Seguin, Texas. Admission is free for all active duty military personnel who present ID cards. For all others, admission is \$6, with children under 12 free. For more information, call Horace or Linda Comfort at 512-392-1545 or visit www.lonestarjamboree.com.

San Antonio Symphony Concert Series

The San Antonio Symphony 2006-2007 concert series consists of 12 classical concerts, six pops concerts and four special events. The concerts are held Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre. Military discounts are available. For reservations, call Karen Cramer at 554-1000 or e-mail cramerk@sasymphony.org. For dates and feature artist, visit www.sasymphony.org.

Meetings

Warrant Officer Association meeting

The Lone Star Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8541, located at 2222 Austin Highway, between Perrin Beitel and Eisenhower roads. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call Bill Strout 590-2642 or e-mail bstrout@texas.net, or Suzan Farrell 378-0422 or e-mail suzan.farrell@us.army.mil.

SAMC study group

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, SMA Van Autreve Chapter, will conduct a study group Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Building 1350 for Soldiers preparing for competition boards. For more information, call Master Sgt. Adrienne Berkley at 295-4545 or 737-4540 or e-mail Adrienne.Berkley@us.army.mil, or call Sgt. 1st Class Tiffany Reid at 295-4442 or e-mail Tiffany.reid@amedd.army.mil.

BAMC chess club

The Brooke Army Medical Center chess club meets Mondays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the BAMC Medical Mall. The club is open to military and their family members, civilians and patients; experience is not neces-

sary. People can bring a chess set, or sets can be provided on site. For more information, call Sgt. Michael Veri at 557-2477 or e-mail michael.veri@cen.amedd.army.mil.

BOSS seeks single Soldiers

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldiers input to the commander, who uses the committee’s recommendations to improve single Soldiers’ Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Mossaab Benhammou at 295-4014.

Training

College prep workshop

U.S. Representative Lamar Smith will host an Education and Federal Financial Aid Workshop Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road. The workshop is for area high school students, parents, counselors and teachers interested in learning about the application process for college tuition assistance.

Wide Area Workflow training

Defense Finance and Accounting Service will offer Wide Area Workflow training Oct. 16 through 20 in Building 1026, located behind the old Brooke Army Medical Center, Room 110 at Fort Sam Houston. WAWF is a Department of Defense-wide application designed to eliminate paper from the invoice, receipt and acceptance process of the Army contract payment procedure. For times and course information, call Brian K. Beltowski at 317-510-5323 or e-mail brain.beltowski@dfas.mil.

Green to Gold briefings

Fort Sam Houston’s Education Center will host Green to Gold briefings for Soldiers interested in the ROTC program. The briefings will be held Oct. 25 and Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Army Learning Center, Building 2247, Stanley Road and New Braunfels Avenue. Army ROTC cadre from local universities and the 12th ROTC Brigade Recruiting Office will conduct briefings and answer questions. For more information, call Maj. Parker at 458-5607 or Amy Gagnon at 295-2005.

English as a Second Language

English as a Second Language classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. ESL classes are designed to help foreign-born spouses of military increase reading comprehension, vocabulary and pronunciation. Students will participate in beginners, intermediate and advance level classes with individualized group instruction. The ESL classes are sponsored by Region 20 Education Center and the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program. For more information, call 221-2418.

Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program

The University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program is looking for individuals with prior military service or members of the National Guard or Reserve who wish to become officers. The Lateral Entry Program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer Training Corps as cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. For more information, call 877-863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu or visit <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc>.

Green to Gold program

The Army ROTC at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana seeks talented enlisted Soldiers who want to earn bachelor’s degrees. Enlisted Soldiers with officer potential and with at least two years on active duty are eligible to participate and

enroll in Army ROTC through the Green to Gold Program. For more information, call 877-863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc>.

Undergraduate evening studies

ASt. Mary’s University representative will be available for appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Education Office, Room 206. For more information, call 226-3360. For information on undergraduate admission to St. Mary’s, call the Office of Evening Studies at 436-3215 or e-mail evst@stmarytx.edu. For information on graduate admission, call 436-3214 or visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/eveningstudies>.

Computer certification

St. Mary’s University and New Horizons Computer Learning Center will have a representative available to discuss computer certifications Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m at the Fort Sam Houston Education Office, Room 206. For more information, call 226-3360 or visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/continuingstudies/>.

St. Mary’s University education office

A St. Mary’s University representative is available Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 2248, Room 206, to assist individuals interested in a master’s degree in teacher certification. For more information, call Iona Million at 226-3360.

Volunteer

Help needed for dog transport

The Hope Animal Rescue Team is looking for an individual willing to transport a 15-pound beagle-mix dog to Virginia either by vehicle or as carry-on luggage to the National Capital Area. For more information, call Kelly Schaefer at 916-8118.

Girl Scouts need volunteers

Girl Scouts in the San Antonio area are looking for adult volunteers to become troop leaders, event planners and board members for the Cole service unit located on Fort Sam Houston. Volunteers are needed to help build girls with courage, confidence and character, who will make the world a better place. People with a particular interest or talent could make a big difference in the life of a young girl. Volunteers do not have to have a daughter to help. For more information, call Sandi Juni at 257-9319 or Maria Forte at 221-6277.

USO seeks volunteers

The United Service Organizations in downtown San Antonio needs volunteers between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Volunteers will greet guests, cook and serve meals, assist with the information desk, check out games and provide people with directions around the downtown area. Hospitality is provided to all service members and their families, especially during lunch when volunteers are encouraged to eat with guests and engage them in conversation. The USO Airport location also seeks volunteers to assist with coordinating transportation to local military installations, hotels, provide maps of the city, as well as refreshments and entertainment for visitors passing through San Antonio. To volunteer, call Luis Sandoval at 227-9373, ext. 11 or visit www.alamouso.org.

Children’s Shelter seeks families

The Children’s Shelter seeks new foster and adoptive parents to care for children in Texas. Children’s ages range from newborn to 17 years old. The Children’s Shelter is a nationally accredited agency that provides a safe haven and emergency care for children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. For more information, call Alejandra Chavez at 212-2500, ext. 6701 or e-mail achavez@chshel.org.

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort

Freebie, e-mail to **news.leader@samhouston.army.mil** or fax to **295-0512**. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.



For Sale: GE side-by-side refrigerator, 24.9 cubic feet, white, new, \$800 obo. Call Jack or Cathy at 658-1643, leave a message.

For Sale: La-Z-Boy couch, plaid pattern with reversible cushions, \$195. Call 495-2296.

For Sale: Kirby G4 vacuum attachments, in excellent condition, \$75 obo. Call 647-8786.

For Sale: 1996 Ford Taurus, silver, four-door, 94K miles, V6, automatic locks with remote and keyless entry, moon roof, power steering, brakes and drive, in great condition, \$3,700. Call 764-7089.

For Sale: 2000 Volvo S70, 80K miles, leather seats, cruise control, front airbags, power seat, stability and traction control, class II frame hitch, cold weather

package, in excellent condition, \$10,900. Call 370-3123.

For Sale: Sixteen-foot boat and trailer, 50 hp electric start motor, boat cover, anchor, two gas tanks, trolling motor, older but runs great, \$1,000. Call 630-0163 or 277-7175.

For Sale: 2005 BMW 325i, four-door, automatic, fully loaded with sports package, \$28,950; pet door insert for a sliding glass door, \$25; girl's equestrian riding helmet, in excellent condition, \$25; Department 56 Dicken's Village collection, mostly retired pieces, all or single sales will be considered, many houses and accessories; sports card collection: baseball, football, basketball and hockey. Call 265-3140.

For Sale: 1995 Ford Escort station wagon, 1.9 liter, needs head gasket, new water pump, new fuel pump, in good condition, \$600 obo; two golf club sets, one with bag, one with pull cart, \$125 and \$150; drivers, woods, putters separate; RCA radio and Sylvania tubes and two tube testers, \$45 obo; 2-meter ham radio transceiver with power supply, \$175 obo. Call 227-6590.

For Sale: NordicTrack, in good condition, \$50; white under-counter Kenmore refrigerator, \$75. Call David at 221-0660 or 830-755-5228.

For Sale: Purple dish chair, \$20; AM/FM, cassette, CD stereo, \$15; Affinity 60 degree lob wedge, \$15; golf pull cart, \$15; golf swing trainer, \$15. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.